



# OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WELLS CAMPUS

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Worship: 9:30 am | Coffee: 9:00 & 10:30 am

## KIESTER CAMPUS

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September 18, 2022 – Pentecost 15

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Masters, . . . two and more, competing for our money, clamoring for our time, creating chaos in our lives.*

*Master, . . . one God, quiet us and draw us near.*

– Katherine Hawker

### – Gathering in Faith –

*Gathering Music*

*Welcome & Announcements*

\* *Call to Worship*      "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"      Praise Team

Leader: Please stand if you are able, and let us sing together.

<i>Songs</i>	"I Love You, Lord"	#2068
	"Jesus, Name Above All Names"	#2071
	"He Is Exalted"	#2070

Leader: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

**People: We gather to worship with joy and in hope.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

**People: We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.**

Leader: Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

**People: We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

**People: We are here to worship with all that we are.**

*Opportunities to Serve*

*Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

*Scripture Lesson*      1 Timothy 1:1-7 (NRSV)

\* *Hymn*      "Take My Life, and Let It Be"      #399

\* *Gospel Lesson*      Luke 16:1-13 (NRSV)

*Sermon*      "Being Faithful with What Has Been Given to You" – Rev. Chris Leistra

*Message Response*      "Knowing You"      Praise Team

### – Stewards of Faith –

*Giving with a Thankful Heart*

Offering may be placed in the green chest at the back of the sanctuary at this time, or on your way in or as you leave. *Thank you!*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Response*      "My Gratitude Now Accept, O God"      #2044, vs. 1 & 2

### – Sending Forth –

\* *Benediction*

\* *Hymn of Going Forth*      "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"      on screen (#3095)

\* *Postlude – The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .*

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**Welcome to worship** in the name of Jesus. Please greet those near you with a sign of peace. Everyone is invited for coffee and treats, both before and after the 9:30 worship service at the Wells Campus.

**Keep in your prayers this week:** Alan Stensrud and Joan Christian in their fight with cancer; Alan Yokiell; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; all those serving in the military and their families.

**The nursery** is available for parents to use during worship on Sunday mornings. The nursery is on the south side of the entryway next to the restroom. The TV may be turned on to watch the service.

### **Announcements**

**Happy Birthday to Ruth Roesler!** The flowering plant is in honor of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, which is tomorrow, September 19.

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**Little Red Food Pantry: Mission-of-the-Month** – The Little Red Food Pantry is our Mission-of-the-Month for September to restock our dwindling supplies. Each week this month, please bring an item from the list below if you are able.

September 18 – Cereals & Pasta

September 25 – Fruit, Vegetables & Soup

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**Confirmation Sunday** is next Sunday, September 25. The following students will confirm their Christian faith: Rebecca Kruse, Garrett Lau, Madison Meyer, October Roberts, Mariah Anderson, Kolt Bullerman, Jaiden Gossen, Wyatt Haugh, Brayden Mithun, Abby Wedin, and Teagan Lutteke.

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**World Communion Sunday is October 2** Your gifts to World Communion Sunday support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent funds in-service training programs for racial and ethnic persons. Use the Special Sundays offering envelope on the offering table.

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**Kitchen Update:** The cabinets are in place! Next comes flooring!

**Fund-Raising Campaign for Kitchen** – Thank you to all who have returned their Kitchen Campaign Pledge card! We are over halfway to our goal of \$25,000. As of September 15, the total is \$16,955! The new kitchen will be a blessing to this generation *and* the next. We ask you to prayerfully consider what you can give that will help bring us closer to a fully financed new kitchen. Pledge cards and gifts can be dropped in the green offering chest and you can find extra pledge cards there, too.

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**Looking for Sunday School Teachers** Sunday School for ages 3 through 7<sup>th</sup> grade will begin October 2. We're looking for teachers for all age levels. Teach half-time and trade off with a co-teacher, work as a husband/wife team, or offer to sub. Please consider teaching this year.

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**The WAY Youth Group meeting this Wednesday, Sept. 21!** This year, it will be something new and exciting, a community-wide ecumenical group called "The WAY" (Wells Area Youth) for grades 6-12. It will meet weekly from 6:30-8:30pm at the USC high school and will include music, worship, lessons, food, and small group time. Youth – try it out! Meet your friends there. It'll be awesome!

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**Church Bell Choir is Reforming** – "Sounds of Praise" is open to people who would like to challenge themselves in a new way – men, women, boys, and girls (grades 7-12). Being able to read music is helpful, but learning when the right time to play your bell can be learned fairly easily. Beginners are welcome! We need 6-11 people to play this music and currently we have only a few. Please consider joining the bell choir. Practice times will be decided by the group. Talk to Jan Johanson about any questions you might have. Her email is [wellsunmusic@gmail.com](mailto:wellsunmusic@gmail.com), phone 553-5077.

**Community Chimes group practices on Tuesday afternoons** if this would be a more convenient time for you. This is a group of people from within the community that meets to play bells and they are also looking for members. Contact Jan if interested.

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**Trunk or Treat** will be on Sunday, October 30 from 3:00-4:00 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW (west of the church). We're looking for lots of trunks, the more the better! Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Barbara Roberts (553-3341) or the church office if you would like to reserve a spot to host a trunk . . . car trunk, SUV, pick-up. Have fun with it – you can decorate, have a theme, come in costume, bring candy or trinkets for handing out to all the kids. This is a safe and fun alternative to door to door trick-or-treating.



**The Chosen, Season One** will be shown at the Flame Theatre downtown Wells, MN starting in October. Admission is FREE and concessions will be available for purchase. Free-will donations are welcome. 100% of the donations will be given to the Five Sisters Project in Wells. Showing Wednesdays at 7:00pm on October 5 (Episodes 1 & 2), October 12 (Episodes 3 & 4), October 26 (Episodes 5 & 6), and November 2 (Episodes 7 & 8).



**Garden Produce Table** Bring your garden abundance for sharing & place on the table in the entryway. People may help themselves to whatever is brought in. Optional donations, and left-over produce, will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf.



**The Clothes Closet** – Remember, if you are making a trip to Mankato, check with the Clothes Closet if they have some boxes of surplus items that they would like dropped off at Goodwill. The Clothes Closet is open Tues., Wed., & Thurs., 9:30am-5:30pm and Goodwill is open Mon.-Fri. 10am-8pm, Sat. 10am-7pm, and Sundays 11am-6pm. The phone number of the Clothes Closet is 553-2040.



**Friendship Café Bingo** for older adults and their caregivers is Monday, September 19, at 1:30pm at Hope UMC in Blue Earth. Friendship Café is a place to be socially and creatively active within a group setting. Please RSVP the week before to Interfaith Caregivers 507-526-4684.



**Red Cross Bloodmobile** will be at the Wells American Legion on Monday, September 19 from 10:30am-6:30 pm. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: WELLSMN or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment. Give the gift of life!



**Mom's Time-Out** – Calling Moms of all ages! Come to the Nasinec Event Center on September 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7, for a time just for you! Fun projects for a minimal fee, snacks, drinks, door prizes, food trucks, and more! Invite a friend!



**Kiester and Wells Worship Services** will continue as joint services held at 9:30 a.m. in Wells through September.

**UMC Disaffiliation Myths** – There is a handout on the back table written by our District Superintendent, Rev. Fred Vanderwerf, about the denominational schism and some “myths” that he believes have caused a false sense of urgency for churches. Feel free to take one if you are interested.



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, September 18**

- W 9:30am Joint Worship
- 10:30am Coffee
- 10:30am Confirmation class

**Monday, September 19**

- 10:30-6:30 Blood Drive at Wells Legion
- 6:30pm Church Board meeting

**Tuesday, September 20**

- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean
- 4:30pm Community Chimes

**Wednesday, September 21**

- Newsletter Deadline
- W 9:30am Staff meeting
- W 5:45pm Praise Team practice
- 6:30pm Adult choir practice
- 6:30pm The WAY Youth Group at USC

**Sunday, September 25, Confirmation**

- W 9:30am Joint Worship
- 10:30am Coffee/Reception for Confirmands

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist.....Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader .....Doug Hankerson
- A/V..... Sarah Hankerson, Don Stenzel
- Projection..... Karen Stenzel

**Birthdays This Week:**

- September 19 ...Doug Bruckhoff, Ruth Roesler
- September 21 ...Brenda Johnson
- September 22 ...Vonnie Walker
- September 23 ...Kathy Heaton, Wendy Nickel
- September 24 .....Grace Mithun

**Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:**

- Tuesday: 11:00 am & 8:00 pm (Bevcomm ch 990)
- Friday: 6:00 pm (Bevcomm ch 990)

**Live Stream:** Sundays at 9:30am on Facebook, YouTube and www.opendoorsumc.org